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THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, IN AN EDITORIAL TODAY  
CALLS ON RHODESIAN  
ARMY CHIEF, LIEUTENANT GENERAL PETER WALLS,  
TO TELL THAT COUNTRY'S WHITES THE TRUTH, THAT THEY CANNOT WIN THE  
WAR NOW GOING ON.

AS THE WAR GETS WORSE FOR THE WHITE SETTLER ARMY IN RHODESIA, THE  
MAIL SAYS, LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALLS IS THE ONLY MAN WHO HAS "A VERY  
CLEAR PICTURE OF WHICH WAY THE WAR IS GOING FOR REBEL LEADER IAN  
SMITH".

"THIS MAN IS UNDER NO ILLUSIONS WHICH WAY THE WAR IS GOING.

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HE HAS ONLY 270,000 WHITE SETTLER AND UNRELIABLE MERCENARIES FROM  
WHICH TO DRW HIS FIGHTERS. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN  
ENROLLED IN THE TERRITORIALS HAVE BEEN TO THE FRONT SEVERAL TIMES  
OVER," SAYS THE EDITORIAL.

THESE, ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, ARE DRAWN FROM THE WORKING POPULATION  
OF WHITES WHO PRIMARILY CAME TO RHODESIA TO MAKE MONEY "AND

CERTAINLY NOT TO BE DRAWN INTO PROTRACTED LIBERATION WARS."

AS THE LIBERATION WAR GOES ON, SAYS THE NEWSPAPER, THESE MEN GET MORE AND MORE FED UP. IN FACT, THEY GET TOO FED UP TO THE EXTENT THEY CANNOT BE COUNTED UPON AS GOOD SOLDIERS.

"THIS IS MORE SO THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE TIRED OLD MEN WHO ARE ONLY IN RHODESIA EITHER TO COMPLETE THEIR SOJOURNS THERE AS CIVIL SERVANTS AND COLLECT THEIR PENSIONS OR THEY ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN FED ON LIES THAT ALL WILL SOON BE WELL BY SMITH'S PROPAGANDA MACHINE," IT SAYS.

THE OTHERS IN MR. SMITH'S PAY ARE BLACKS WHO HAVE BEEN "FORCED" TO FIGHT FOR HIM AS A RESULT OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL.

"THESE BLACK SOLIDERS  
SUFFER FROM THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE WHICH IS  
EATING THEM EVERYDAY OF THEIR LIFE AS THEY ARE  
KILLING THEIR OWN  
PEOPLE AND ALSO AS THEY REFLECT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM WHEN  
THE SMITH REGIME FINALLY  
COLLAPSES AS SURE IT WILL,"  
EDITORIALIZES THE MAIL.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALLS, FEELS THE MAIL, IS TOO GOOD A SOLDIER  
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HIMSELF TO RELY ON THE SERVICES OF SUCH PEOPLE.

THE OTHERS WHO MAKE UP THE RHODESIAN ARMY, SAYS THE PAPER, ARE MERCENARIES WHO WILL GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY THINGS GET TOO HOT FOR THEM.

THE NEWSPAPER NOTES THAT MILITARY GENIUS IS NOT REQUIRED TO KNOW THE IMMENSE PROBLEMS FACING A RHODESIA WHICH DOES NOT MANUFACTURE WEAPONS BUT MUST RELY ON SOUTH AFRICA FOR THEM, AND "THESE CAN BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME SOUTH AFRICA IS FORCED TO FEEL THE WORLD PRESSURES," SAYS THE MAIL.

THE MAIL SAYS MR. WALLS IS FIGHTING A WAR WHICH HE AND HIS TROOPS KNOW TO BE MORALLY WRONG.

"HE IS FIGHTING A WAR WHICH IS AGAINST HIS OWN BETTER MILITARY JUDGEMENT AND WHICH HAS NO POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION. HE KNOWS THAT THE BEST THAT CAN HAPPEN TO HIS ARMY IS TO SEE THE WAR DRAG ON FOR YEARS AND HIS BEST SOLDIERS DROPPING OUT TO CERTAIN DEATH IN THEIR PRIME."

IMPLORES THE MAIL: "IN THE NAME OF GOD, IT IS TIME THAT LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL PETER WALLS PLUCKED UP COURAGE AND TOLD THE WHITE PEOPLE  
OF RHODESIA THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WAR; THAT THEY CANNOT KEEP ON  
SENDING MEN TO THE FRONT ONLY TO GO AND  
DIE TODAY, AND IF THEY  
DO NOT DIE TODAY, TO BE SURE TO DIE TOMORROW.

THE NEWSPAPER CONCLUDES WITH THESE WORDS: "HE IS THE ONLY MAN  
WHO CAN TELL THE WHITES IN RHODESIA THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE A CHANCE  
IN A MILLION TO WIN THE WAR AND THEREFORE THE FUTILITY OF IT ALL.  
WALLS MUST DO SOMETHING TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE."

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